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SUBJECT: URBAN HOMESTEADING INFORMATION

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URBAN HOMESTEADING IS A RELATIVELY NEW U.S. PROGRAM  
WHEREIN LOCAL COMMUNITIES TRANSFER TITLE OF UNINHABITABLE  
DWELLINGS AT NOMINAL COST TO PERSONS AGREEING TO REHABI-  
LITATE AND OCCUPY THESE UNITS FOR A SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD.  
THE INDIVIDUAL'S LABOR, OR SELF-HELP (ASH) FREQUENTLY  
CONTRIBUTES TO THE PROCESS. (ASH: AS USED ANY OF THE

SELF HELP SYSTEMS.)

SELF-HELP (INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY), MUTUAL HELP (COMMUNITY EFFORT) AND AIDED SELF-HELP (ORGANIZED GROUP WITH PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE) ARE USED TO VARYING DEGREES IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD IN REHABILITATION AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSING.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT'S (HUD) OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IS STUDYING THE LEGAL, FUNDING, ADMINISTRATIVE, ORGANIZATIONAL AND RELATED EXPERIENCE OF OTHER NATIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN CONCEPTS ARE ADAPTABLE TO U.S. NEEDS.

AS A RESULT, HUD WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON THE

FOLLOWING AS RELATED TO ANY OF THE SELF-HELP (ASH) FORMS CURRENTLY BEING USED. HUD HAS EXHAUSTED OTHER SOURCES OF INFO. HUD REALIZES POSTS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ANSWERS TO ALL OF THE DETAILED QUESTIONS BELOW, BUT REQUEST POSTS CONTRIBUTE WHATEVER THEY CAN TO ASSIST WITH COLLECTION OF DATA NEEDED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROGRAM.

A. WHO SUPPORTS ASH ACTIVITY, THE GOVERNMENT AND/OR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS?

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B. WHAT TYPES OF SELF-HELP PROGRAMS CURRENTLY ACTIVE?

1. INDIVIDUAL, MUTUAL OR MIXED.

2. SITE IMPROVEMENT, SHELTER IMPROVEMENT OR NEW HOUSING.

3. ARE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS CHARGED TO PARTICIPANT?

4. NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF ANY SUBSIDY.

C. PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE:

1. WHAT ARE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPANTS?

2. WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF PARTICIPANTS' PARTICIPATION IN DESIGN, STANDARDS, COST ESTIMATES, DEGREE OF SELF LABOR, SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS, WORK PROGRAMS AND FINANCING.

3. WHAT ORIENTATION IS PROVIDED INDIVIDUAL OR

GROUP PARTICIPANT ON FINANCING RESPONSIBILITIES  
AND WORK REQUIREMENTS.

4. IS PARTICIPANT GIVEN TRAINING ON CONSTRUCTION  
TECHNIQUES?

D. CONSTRUCTION PHASE:

1. WHAT IS THE RATIO OF SELF LABOR TO TOTAL LABOR  
AND TOTAL HOUSE COST?

2. HOW ARE FOREMEN CHOSEN AND WHAT ARE THEIR DUTIES?

3. WHAT IS THE FORM AND AMOUNT OF TECHNICAL  
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ASSISTANCE WHICH IS PROVIDED?

4. WHAT KINDS OF LABOR ARE PERFORMED BY PARTICIPANTS?

5. HOW IS PAID LABOR USED, E.G., ELECTRICAL PLUMBING,  
CARPENTRY?

6. WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR PAID OR CONTRACTOR LABOR  
E.G., BUILDING CODES, LICENSING REQUIREMENTS,  
LACK OF SKILLS, OTHER JOB OPPORTUNITIES, DECISION  
OF SPONSORING BODY?

7. HOW MUCH LONGER DOES IT TAKE SELF-HELP LABOR TO  
PERFORM CONSTRUCTION THAN IT DOES CONTRACT  
LABOR?

8. WHAT ARE THE ADDED COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO PARTICI-  
PANT LABOR BECAUSE OF ADDED FINANCING CHARGES OR  
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS DUE TO LONGER CONSTRUCTION  
TIME?

9. WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE OF DROPOUTS DUE TO LONGER  
CONSTRUCTION TIME OR OTHER REASONS.

10. WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE OF SAVINGS FROM USE OF  
MASS PURCHASE OF MATERIALS OR EXCHANGE OF SKILLS  
AMONG PARTICIPANTS?

E. POST-CONSTRUCTION PHASE:

1. WHAT IS THE TYPE OF TITLE GIVEN TO THE PARTICI-  
PANT?

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2. WHEN DOES THE TITLE PASS TO HIM?

3. WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS FOR PASSAGE OF THE TITLE?

4. IS A SINGLE MORTGAGE COOPERATIVE USED OR ARE COOPERATIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS MOST FREQUENT?

5. IS IT NORMAL FOR CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE AFTER OCCUPANCY? DOES THE NEW OCCUPANT USE HIS OWN SKILLS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT?

F. GOVERNMENT OR SPONSORING INSTITUTION ATTITUDES:

1. WHAT TYPE OF ASH PROGRAM IS PREFERRED BY SPONSORING AGENCIES AND WHY?

2. WHAT TYPE IS PREFERRED BY PARTICIPANTS?

3. TO WHAT DEGREE IS THE ASH PROGRAM USED FOR TRAINING FOR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT?

G. DOCUMENTS REQUESTED:

1. RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND/OR REGULATIONS.

2. STANDARDS OF CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPANCY.

3. PARTICIPANT AGREEMENTS.

4. MORTGAGE OR LEASE FORMS.

5. COST FIGURES.

6. ANY EVALUATION OF PROGRAMS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR SPONSOR.

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H. IF INFORMATION SOUGHT BY HUD IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE, POSTS SHOULD SEND A NEGATIVE RESPONSE.

I. A REPLY IS REQUESTED BY JANUARY 16. VANCE

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